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U.S. Chamber Honors Senator Lincoln Chafee with “Spirit of Enterprise” Award

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Chamber of Commerce today presented Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee with its “Spirit of Enterprise” award for his strong support for a pro-economic growth legislative agenda in the second session of the 108th Congress.

“It is critical to have members of Congress fighting for American business and their employees at this time of economic expansion and opportunity,” said Thomas J. Donohue, Chamber President and CEO. “Lincoln Chafee is a leader who has voted time and again to create jobs, improve our domestic security, and promote economic expansion.”

The Chamber awards the “Spirit of Enterprise” based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key business votes explained in its annual publication, *How They Voted*. Sen. Chafee earned an 82 percent score with the Chamber last year and has compiled a 65 percent cumulative ranking during his tenure in Congress.



Thomas Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce presents Senator Chafee his award. For an electronic version of this picture, please call 202-224-4913

“I have always tried to vote with the business industry in mind, and the impeccable reputation of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce further increases what an honor it is to receive this distinction,” Senator Chafee said.

Chamber-designated “key votes” are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors and on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Members of Congress who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the “Spirit of Enterprise” award.

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For the second session of the 108th Congress, the Chamber scored 17 Senate votes and 21 House votes as key votes. Key votes for 2004 included medical liability reform, the U.S.-Australia free trade agreement, pension reform and tax relief.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

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